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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7502 DATE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2000

BILL NUMBER: SB 233 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Energy Policy Commission.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Indiana Energy Policy Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates a 27-member Indiana Energy Policy Commission. Four members of the Commission will be legislators, eight members will be state employees, and fifteen members will be lay members. The chair of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor. The Commission's purpose will be to recommend a state energy policy.

The expenses of the Commission will be paid from the budget of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, which will also provide administrative support for the Energy Policy Commission.

Members of the Commission who are state employees or lay persons are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses. Members of the Commission who are legislators are entitled to the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees as established by the Legislative Council. There will be four legislative members of the Commission who would be entitled to a per diem and mileage reimbursement. Average legislative per diem and mileage reimbursement is about \$162 per legislator, or about \$650 per meeting. Total costs will depend on the number of meetings held.

The Commission is to submit a final report to specified entities by December 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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Explanation of Local Revenues:

<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Natural Resources, Utility Consumer Counselor.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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